

the amendment. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Higgins first amendment.

SENATOR MARSH: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is offered also by Senator Higgins. It is on page 1350. (Read second Higgins amendment as found on page 1350 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Could I have a moment, please, Madam Chairman, I am trying to find the amendment. Oh, on page 2, line 21, after "no person" delete the comma. This, too, is a housekeeping amendment. Previously when the bill was written as you will notice on line 21 it said, "no person except the volunteer who receives no compensation from the nursing home is not included for the purpose of meeting any staffing requirements set forth by the Department of Health shall act as a nurse's aide, et cetera." Actually in rereading this bill what it said was that a volunteer could do what a nurse's aide could not do or a care staff member. So we are amending the bill to read, "no person shall act as a nurse's aide, care staff member or orderly in a nursing home unless such person and continues to," throughout the bill, "meet the qualifications," as we have outlined in this bill. In other words, we just didn't want to give volunteers the opportunity to do what nurse's aides are not allowed to do. So I would urge the advancement of this amendment just for clarification and to make the bill do what it was originally intended to do.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Higgins, what does an orderly do?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Nichol, the word "orderly" usually used to be used for male nurses. I put in the word "orderly" because it is sometimes still used. An orderly does practically the same thing as a nurse's aide except sometimes, because they were male nurse's aides, they would call on them to do heavier work with the patients maybe. In the old days they would be the ones that would have to bodily lift the heavy people out of a bed perhaps before they had the hoists and such.